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### **Licensing Renewal Update**

During the 2014 legislative session, the Arizona Legislature amended the licensing requirements for allopathic physicians by requiring state and federal background checks to be obtained by the Arizona Medical Board.

Recently, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Medical Board have caused a delay in the implementation of the federal background check requirement.

Existing licensees will continue to practice without interruption, provided that the renewal application was filed timely and any requests for additional information are met. Please note that a delay in the actual issuance of the license renewal will occur. The website will reflect the license is active and the expiration date will reflect a date that has already past. If this presents a problem for the physician, staff will issue a letter of explanation upon request.

The Board remains committed to protecting the public by complying with all licensing requirements provided in state statute.

Additional information will be posted on the Board's website as updates become available.